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FROM: OTTAWA

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 561, OCTOBER 26.

PRIORITY

IN PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON OCTOBER 25, CUBAN AMBASSADOR AMERICO CRUZ APPARENTLY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HAVANA, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. PRESS HAS BEEN WRITING RE CUBA AS IF ISSUE IS ONE BETWEEN US-USSR. REPORTERS MUST REMEMBER CUBAN GOVERNMENT INVOLVED.
2. CUBA CANNOT TRUST UNITED STATES UNLESS IT HAS PROOF WILL NOT ATTACK CUBA NOR ASSIST ANTI-CASTRO FORCES.
3. WHEN ASKED WHAT CONSTITUTED PROOF CRUZ SUGGESTED UNITED STATES GUARANTEE TO UNITED NATIONS NOT TO ATTACK CUBA. ADDED BLOCKADE WOULD HAVE TO BE ENDED AND CUBANS REMOVED FROM MIAMI.
4. ASKED IF ANY NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CUBA CRUZ SAID COULD NOT REPLY BECAUSE HE WAS NOT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
5. ASKED RE GUANTANAMO, CRUZ SAID BASE ILLEGAL BUT GUANTANAMO SEPARATE QUESTION.
6. ASKED RE POSSIBLE ON-SITE INSPECTION CRUZ INDICATED CUBANS WOULD NOT AGREE TO THIS SINCE WOULD VIOLATE CUBAN SOVEREIGNTY
7. IF CONFERENCE CONVOKED CUBA WOULD HAVE TO BE INVITED.

THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE CRUZ REFUSED INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN

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